

Executive Registry

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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for USSR-EE

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: The Soviet Strategic Planning Process and SALT

1. This 1978 memorandum on the Soviet strategic planning process and SALT is very well done. I suggest updating this analysis of SALT and Soviet weapons planning.

2. It brings out that lack of intelligence and misperceptions about Soviet strategic planning and weapons development can be more damaging than weakness in verification. I suggest that the scope and concept of this NFAC assessment be incorporated in the current estimate and distributed in the Community early on so that Defense and other perceptions, some of which may be more knowledgeable than others, are carried out as, apparently, were not done in 1978.

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William J. Casey

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cc: Chief, Arms Control Intelligence Staff

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